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AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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FOR THE SECRETARY

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SUBJ: DEMONSTRATIONS FORCE CLOSURE OF CAPE COAST UNIVERSITY

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTED APRIL 27 THAT CAPE COAST UNIVERSITY, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES FROM ACCRA, WAS CLOSED ON APRIL 26 FOLLOWING DEMONSTRATIONS BY APPROXIMATELY 500 STUDENTS OVER THE LOW QUALITY OF FOOD SERVED AT THE INSTITUTION. IN COURSE OF DEMONSTRATION STUDENTS ALLEGEDLY LOOTED FOOD FROM THE CAFETERIA AND VICE-CHANCELOER'S LODGE AND ASSAULTED TWO MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY STAFF. UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS CLAIM CLOSURE WAS EFFECTED TO AVOID DAMAGE TO PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW TIME TO CONSIDER THE STUDENTS' GRIEVANCES. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY DID NOT OBEY ORDER TO LEAVE UNIVERSITY UNTIL POLICE WERE CALLED IN ON AFTERNOON APRIL 26.

2. TIMING OF UNIVERSITY'S CLOSURE IS UNFORTUNATE SINCE IT WILL  
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LEAVE A LARGE BODY (APPROXIMATELY 2000) OF IDLE AND AGGRIEVED

STUDENTS WHO WILL BE FREE TO JOIN ANY DEMONSTRATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISIT. THERE IS INCREASING POSSIBILITY DEMONSTRATIONS COULD OCCUR AND NOW MAY DRAW SUPPORT FROM OTHER STUDENTS WISHING TO EXPRESS GRIEVANCES UNRELATED TO THE SECRETARY.

3. A SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE LOW QUALITY FOOD SERVED AT LEGON UNIVERSITY (LOCATED ON OUTSKIRTS OF ACCRA) TOOK PLACE IN MID-DECEMBER BUT FOOD REPORTEDLY HAS NOT IMPROVED. LEGON STUDENTS DISGRUNTLED OVER THEIR FOOD SITUATION MAY THEREFORE ALSO WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS.  
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